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CLUB ON RECORD AS FAVORING HIGHWAY CHANGE

Special Meeting With Lawen Delegates.

SEND RESOLUTIONS TO COMMISSION

Would not Increase Cost of Construction as Topography Conditions are Same.

The Burns Commercial club has gone on record as favoring a change in the highway between this city and Crane so that it will pass through Lawen.

A special meeting of the club was held on last Tuesday evening at which several citizens of Lawen were present. Judge Thompson of the Lawen delegation addressed the club on the matter of changing the route and asked its co-operation. He presented a letter written by Engineer Bennett of the highway commission wherein he stated there was no objection to the road passing through Lawen, and that the matter would be taken up.

The club had previously endorsed the plan to change the survey to pass directly through Lawen, and again expressed itself favorable. A delegation consisting of J. J. Donegan to represent the club and Judge Thompson of Lawen was sent to Portland to confer with the highway commission. They left Thursday, going out by way of Crane in order to stop off at Pendleton and confer with W. L. Thompson and Engineer Bennett. They were armed with resolutions expressing the sentiment of the club which were directed to the commission. The two representatives were instructed to consult with Judge Levens, who is already in Portland, and go before the commission with their request.

It seems such a foolish thing to have this matter up again after it was so thoroughly gone over at a meeting of a big delegation from here with the highway commission in May. It was then shown that the commission had no objection whatever to the proposed change. Engineer Bennett promised an investigation of the change, but if the said investigation was ever conducted, few local people know of it.

The resolutions passed by the club were:

WHEREAS, present survey of said Highway passes to the north of the town of Lawen a distance of about three-fourths mile, leaving said town a distance of three-fourths mile from said highway, and

WHEREAS, said town of Lawen is the trading center for a large community of people residing south and west and owning a large area of irrigated natural meadow hay lands, who do their trading at said town and receive their mail at the post office at Lawen, which said post office has been established for more than twenty-five years and is on the present mail route from Crane to Burns, and

WHEREAS, the topography, character of the soil and all other conditions in anywise affecting the cost of construction of said proposed change in the highway are identical with conditions along the present survey, and the cost of constructing said highway will not be increased by changing the survey and running same through the town of Lawen, except insofar as the same may be increased by the additional distance, less than one-half mile, and said proposed change follows the present county road, and

WHEREAS, The interests of not only the citizens and the immediate vicinity thereof, but generally of the entire Harney Valley, would be far better served by changing the present survey of said highway so as to run same through said town of Lawen, therefore,

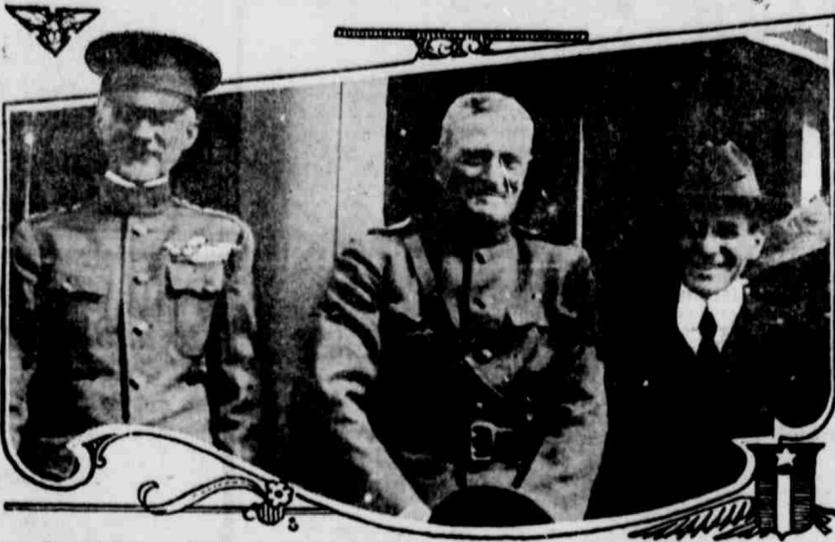
BE IT RESOLVED, The Burns Commercial Club favor the proposed change and urge the Highway Commission to cause the same to be made, and that a copy of these resolutions be prepared and placed in the hands of the delegation from Burns and Lawen to be presented to the Oregon Highway Commission.

A. E. F. Aviation Officer and Wife at Experiment Station

Captain and Mrs. Wm. E. Lynd have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Obil Shattuck at the experiment station for the past week. The captain saw two years of active service in France during the war and was only recently discharged. He formerly resided in this vicinity, being employed on the Island ranch of the P. L. S. company. His father had a homestead just this side of Wright's point, opposite the J. R. Gould homestead.

Captain Lynd and his wife both expect to attend the university of Washington during the coming school year, where he has already taken

Pershing Comes Back—America Cheers



General John J. Pershing, commander in chief of all American forces in Europe during the war, has returned to home and native land, landing in New York harbor where he was welcomed by cheering throngs of Americans. The picture shows him standing on the harbor boat with Secretary of War Baker on his left and General March, chief of staff, on his right. From New York General Pershing went to Washington, and will visit his Missouri birthplace later on.

Local and Personal

two years of law. Mrs. Lynd was for six years in the circulation department of the Boise Statesman, where she remained during the absence of her husband in France. Mrs. Lynd is a sister to Mrs. Shattuck.

CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING SECRETARY

Considerable difficulty is experienced by the Commercial club in finding a paid secretary. A candidate for the position made a trip in with his wife, but found housing conditions not to his liking, and left. This incident establishes the fact that the man for the job must have a vision broad enough to let him see that our housing conditions are only part of the vital points he must help to better. And they can only be bettered by a general increase in the prosperity of the community. Which leads back to the prime question of successful agriculture, as shown by C. J. McIntosh in his interview last week.

If the success of agriculture in Harney valley depends on irrigation, as Mr. McIntosh claims, then the club must have a man who has courage enough to make a stand for irrigation. The many differences of opinion on this important subject must be united into common idea that will work out for the greatest good of the greatest number.

Despite the expense to the club, and difficulties a stranger to conditions will experience, as pointed out in an interview in The Times-Herald two weeks ago, an outside man is necessary if all concerned are to be satisfied. In an inland community such as ours, where water is an essential, factions will always arise over its use. In recognition of these factions, returned service men and business men who had not been drawn into them, insisted on having a man from outside for secretary of the club, as it was thought that no local man could be found who would be impartial to all interests.

Harney county presents problems greatly different from the ordinary community. For this reason, the man for the position must have organizing ability in a marked degree. His chief asset, as said above, must be a broad vision, to which must also be added the quality of strict impartiality. In this modern day of many automobiles and the common use of typewriters, it should be no difficult matter to find a man who can operate both, thus settling the fears in that respect of our pessimistic friend in the interview two weeks ago.

Regarding the asset of impartiality, it has been suggested that a former service man be found, as the military experience of an officer gives him training that is the very essence of treating everybody equally. In addition to this quality, the average ex-officer usually possesses organizing ability, developed by wrestling with problems in the service. It is deplorable that owing to the existence of factions no local man can be found who qualifies, but since the fact and the factions do exist, a man from the outside must be employed.

J. J. DONEGAN COUNTY CHAIRMAN ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

PORTLAND, September 18 Mr. J. J. Donegan, of Burns, has been appointed county chairman of the Roosevelt Memorial Association. The quota for Harney county has been suggested as \$245.00. Chairmen for the various communities will be appointed by the county chairman.

The Roosevelt Memorial Association will raise a \$5,000,000 national fund during the week of October 29 to 27, which will be devoted to erecting a national memorial at Washington, D. C., and to maintaining a public park at Oyster Bay, New York, which may ultimately take in Sagamore Hill to be preserved in the same way as Washington's estate at Mount Vernon and Lincoln's home at Springfield. The fund is being raised by a non-partisan committee, which feels that a memorial to the late Theodore Roosevelt will be an inspiration to future generations of Americans by reason of the high ideals of citizenship it will perpetuate.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Voegtly were in from their home at Alberson the fore part of this week attending to some business affairs and visiting with relatives.

C. W. Luckey and wife are home from the Trout Creek country where he has been acting as water master. His duties are over for this season, and they have returned home for the winter.

Mrs. Oliver Miller of the Home Creek ranch in Catlow valley underwent a serious operation at the King hospital on Thursday at the hands of Dr. Smith. She has rallied and is doing as well as could be expected.

Dr. and Mrs. L. E. Hibbard, their daughter, Eugenia, and Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Ward have gone to Nampa for a short time. The party will be home the fore part of next week with the exception of Mrs. Ward, who expects to go east for a visit with relatives.

U. S. Biologist In Charge of Bird Preserves Visits

Dr. G. W. Fields, chief of U. S. bird reservations, has been in this vicinity for several days. He is devoting considerable time to the Malheur reserve. Dr. Fields states this bird refuge has a greater variety of birds than any other reserve in the United States.

John T. Whistler Visits; Now Consulting Engineer Federal Land Loan Banks

John T. Whistler, in charge of the work of the government at the time it was making an investigation of the irrigation possibilities of Harney valley in 1903-05, was a recent visitor. Mr. Whistler is now consulting engineer for the Federal Land Loan Banks with headquarters in Denver.

This office was honored with a call from Mr. Whistler while in this vicinity and he stated that he was merely here on a short lay off, visiting with Mr. Hanley and other old time friends. He left from here by way of Bend, to Portland, his former home.

Mr. Whistler takes a deep interest in irrigation affairs and as he was in charge of the work at the Umatilla project, as well as the investigation of the Silves project here, he is more or less familiar with conditions in Eastern Oregon. He visited the Warm Springs project on his way in from the east and found the work progressing rapidly. He hopes the people of this section will follow the lead of our neighbors over in Malheur county and in Crook county, as he sees great possibilities in the big Harney valley under a system of irrigation that will serve a greater area than now covered by the overflow of early spring, which is so wasteful and detrimental.

Daisy Bell Deiner Lloyd L. Sherburn Married at Denio

Married—At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Deffenbaugh, at Denio, Oregon, on Wednesday, September 16, Miss Daisy Bell Deiner and Lloyd L. Sherburn, Rev. Wm. Baird, of Baker, performed the ceremony, using the ring service. Relatives and friends of both parties were present. They will make their home at Denio for the present. The Times-Herald mentioned at the time the license for this marriage was issued. The contracting parties are well known in the Denio country, and have a host of friends who join in extending best wishes.

DIFFERENCE IN APPLICATION OF STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS CAUSES CONFUSION

Difference in application of the federal and state game laws caused no little confusion this week. A belated telegram stopped several from shooting last Tuesday.

Last week The Times-Herald published a statement sent out by State Game Warden Carl D. Shoemaker to the effect that the federal law on game took precedence and that the sportsmen of this district could therefore shoot ducks and geese beginning on last Tuesday. Many were in readiness to take advantage of this when they were confronted with a telegram from Attorney-General Brown of this state to District Attorney Biggs to the effect that the state law was not suspended. The telegram reads:

"Hon. M. A. Biggs, Burns, Ore. "Under the state law ducks and geese can not be killed in your county prior to October first. Nothing in the regulations adopted under federal law shall be construed to hinder the enforcement of additional laws of any state for purpose of giving federal protection to game. Fish and Game department have no authority to set aside the law of this state protecting birds."

This wire was dated the 13th at Salem, but was not received here until the 14th. Few people were aware of such a telegram, and those in the country followed the suggestion of Mr. Shoemaker in last Saturday's paper and did some shooting, no doubt.

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- Eighth Page Local Happenings.

BRAMWELL SAYS STORE WATER WHEN IT COMES DOWN

State Chamber Commerce Man Meets Club

ADVISES USE OF MORE AGGRESSIVENESS

Better Mail Services Among Important Topics at Meeting; Joins State Chamber.

"The time to fill the reservoir is when the water is coming down in the flood and not wait until you need it for immediate use before you consider storing it." That's the way F. S. Bramwell, vice president of the State Chamber of Commerce, expressed himself at a meeting of the Burns Commercial Club last night.

Mr. Bramwell was talking of things in general when this remark was made, but it is applicable and is in line with the expression of one of our citizens earlier in the week while discussing the irrigation problem with a representative of this paper. We have grown too much in the habit of talking in the future and not taking hold of things right at hand. We must be more aggressive and use our best efforts for immediate results rather than a "watchful waiting" attitude in many things that tend to the advancement of our country.

Mr. Bramwell was here as a representative of the State of Oregon Chamber of Commerce. He is making a tour of the state in the interest of the Chamber, getting acquainted with local conditions and ascertaining in what way the organization can be of assistance to each community. He explained the mission of the state organization as being the clearing house for large community interests and to do the things that the small club or community organizations are unable to do.

The gentleman formerly resided at La Grande, and thought he was familiar with conditions in Eastern and Central Oregon, but after making a tour of the intermountain regions on his way here from Portland in an auto he found he was not acquainted with the resources of the state. He is surprised at the stupendous development possibilities of the region and is more than ever convinced that Oregon needs the services of the organization he represents.

Irrigation is the big thing, according to this gentleman, and the state Chamber of Commerce is going to get it first consideration. He stated it was little less than a crime to see so much splendid land as greets the eye in Harney valley needing only a drink of water to make it produce big yields. If we are to get anywhere in this line of endeavor we must get busy. Mr. Bramwell believes the government can be interested in the development of such big territory and proposes co-operation in an active campaign with that in view.

The proposition of taking up the track of the O.-W. R. & N. railroad up the Deschutes and extending it toward this country from the west is looked upon with favor by the visitor and he proposes getting more information and working on such a plan as he considers it feasible and one that will meet the approval of the railroad people themselves.

Mr. Bramwell was forcibly reminded of our poor mail facilities while in Burns by buying an Oregonian which had just arrived by mail and finding he had read it 24 hours before and had been in our city for more than 12 hours of that time. The matter of better mail service was brought up in a general discussion at the club, and is one of the things the state chamber will take up as soon as Mr. Bramwell returns to Portland.

A note had been received from a mail clerk on the Crane run the other night stating it was contemplated to reduce the train service on that line to three times a week, and suggested that the citizens of this city get busy. A delegation sent to Portland on another mission earlier in the week was admonished to investigate and see if there was any likelihood of reducing the service. Should there be, a protest will go direct to the postal department.

Doctor and Wife Prove to be Most Delightful Hosts

Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Smith proved most delightful hosts at an informal party last Saturday night. Dancing and cards were the means of passing an enjoyable evening. Misses Evelyn and Gladys Byrd favored those present with piano and violin duets, and Messrs. J. Fellows and J. Homer Reed with selections on the piano and saxophone. A delicious buffet supper was served at midnight. Many expressions of appreciation were heard for the gracious hospitality of the doctor and his wife.

